considered and necessary instructions are issued to the Collectors/State Governments. A three-member group headed by Dr. Shrikant Jichkar, MP has been constituted to review the guidelines for talcing up electronic projects under the MPLADS

Subscribers for Internet

2085. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of subscribers for the Internet through ERNET Project in the country, city-wise;

(b) the subscription rates for these services; and

(c) what steps are being taken to increase and popularise these services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH):

(a) The details of Subscribers city-wise, in the country for the Internet through the ERNET project are given in the Statement-I *(See below).*

(b) The details of annual subscription rates of ERNET membership are given in the Statement - II *(See* below).

(c) Initiatives already taken to increase and populatrise these services include providing . connectivity for electronics projects under Member of Parliament Local Area Development (MPLAD) Scheme and concessional subscription rates for Schools. Other steps include increasing the number of VSATs, demonstration in conferences, training, guidance and consultancy service to users.

Statement-I

ERNET Subscribers (Citywise) as on April 1996.

City	Number of Institutions
1. Agra	1
2. Ahmedabad	13
3. Allahabad	2
4. Amritsar	1
5. Anand	1
6. Aurangabad	2
7. Banasthali	1
8. Bangalore	58
9. Bhopal	3
10. Bhuwaneshwar	3
11. Bombay	74
12. Calcutta	22
13. Calicut	2
14. Chandigarh	7
15. Cochin	1
16. Coimbatore	3
17. Dehradun	1
18. Faridabad	2
19. Gandhinagar	1
20. Garhwal	1
21. Goa	7
22. Gurgaon	1
23. Guwahti	2
24. Hamirpur	1
25. Hyderabad	24
26. Indore	4
27. Jabalpur	1
28. Jadapur	1
29. Jaipur	2
30. Jalandhar	1
31. Jamshedpur	2
32. Jodhpur	1
33. Kalapet	1
34. Kalpakkam	1
35. Kanpur	2
36. Kharagpur	1
37. Kodaikanal	1
38. Kolar	1
39. Kurukshetra	1
40. Lucknow	*i*
41. Madras	34
42. Manali	1
43. Mangalore	1
44. Manipal	1

45. Melkote		64. Roorkee	1
46. Mohali		65. Sagar	1
47. Mysore		66. Secunderabad	2
48. Nagpur		67. Shibpur	1
49. Nainital		68. Solapur	1
50. Nanded		69. Sriharikota	1
51. New Delhi	145	70. Srinagar	1
52. Nirjuli		71. Surat	1
53. Noida		72. Suratkal	1
54. Ooty		73. Trivendrum	5
55. Pantnagar		74. Tiruchirapalli	2
56. Pashan		75. Udaipur	1
57. Patiala		76. Vadodara	3
58. Peechi		77. Varanasi	2
59. Pilani		78. Vellore	1
60. Pondicherry		79. Warangal	1
61. Pune	31		
62. Pusad		TOTAL	522
63. Raipur			

Statement-II

Annual subscription Rates for ERNET membership

	Academic and Research Instt.	School
E-Mail only	Rs. 25,000/-	Rs. 15,000/-
Full Internet Services through Dial-up Connection	Rs. 1,00,000V-	Rs. 25,000/-
Leased Line (9.6 kbps)	Rs. 1,00,000/- or Rs. 2,00,000/- (depending on traffic)	Rs. 50,000/-
VSAT	Rs. 3,50,000/- including Rs. 50,000/- towards maintenance,	Rs. 3,50,000/- including Rs. 50,000/-towards maintenance.

*Under revision.

Clearance to Pipavav Project

2086. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given any instruction to give 'in principle' clearance to Nodel Agency for the power project before putting it on competitive bid;

(b) whether the Central Electricity Authority has received any proposal for 'in principle' clearance to Pipavav Project for Gujarat State; and

(c) whether 'in principle' clearance 'has been given to the project and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY